

MA in Human Development and Family Science with Emphasis in Family and Community Services

The mission of the Human Development and Family Science Master’s degree emphasis in Family and Community Sciences may be summed up in three words – Understand, Deliver, Manage. The goal of the Family and Community Services online MA option in Human Development and Family Science is to create alumni capable of understanding family, interpersonal, and community dynamics in order to help individuals and their families through education, resource management, and effective service delivery. In addition, graduates of this degree option will acquire knowledge and skills in program and agency management.

Learn more at the program site: <https://hdfs.missouri.edu/degrees/family-community-services/>

Degree Requirements

The Family and Community Services MA emphasis consists of 36 credit hours, including the 10 core courses shown below. For the remaining 6 credits students will complete 3 credits of electives and a 3 credit capstone research project (H_D_FS 8090). Elective courses will be offered annually. The capstone research project will include an independently produced paper and an oral examination by the student’s MA committee.

Required Courses

H_D_FS 7600	Resilience in Families	3
H_D_FS 7640	Interpersonal Relationships	3
H_D_FS 7650	Family Crisis Intervention	3
H_D_FS 7690	Family Resource Management	3
H_D_FS 8012	Family Dynamics and Intervention	3
H_D_FS 8100	Foundations and Principles of Family and Community Services	3
H_D_FS 8510	Parenting Education	3
H_D_FS 8520	Lifespan Development	3
H_D_FS 8235	Administration and Program Management	3
H_D_FS 8238	Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation	3

Independent Effort

H_D_FS 8090	Research in Human Development and Family Science	3
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Suggested Electives*

H_D_FS 7233	Basic Grant Development and Management	3
H_D_FS 8087	Seminar in Human Development and Family Science (Families in Poverty)	1-99
H_D_FS 8234	Adolescents and their Families	3
H_D_FS 8972	Internship in Human Development and Family Science	1-99

* Or advisor-approved course

Admissions

For admission requirements, refer to the Graduate School website for the minimum qualifications for the degree program (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/degreecategory/human-development-family-science/>) and Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program’s graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Before official admissions to the University of Missouri, your application materials will be reviewed by both Graduate School and the degree program to which you’ve applied.

To inquire about this program, please contact:

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